constant review by the Government in order to ensure that the manufacturing facilities available with the company are adequately utilised.

Animal power to generate electricity

1280. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news-item which appeared in the 'Times of India' [illegible] dated 17th July, 90, captioned "Animal Power to Generate Electricity" which refers to some aspects of experiments conducted by National Institute for Training and Industrial Engineering for generating electricity by using animal power;

(b) if so, what are the details of the scheme; and

(c) how does Government view it to solve shortage of electricity in rural areas and use of idle bullock power in the country side?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTAUY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item "Using Animals To Generate Power" which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated July, 16, 1990.

(b) The National Institute for Training in Industrtal Engineering, Bombay has developed a prototype generator which can be run with animal power. By using a pair of bullocks, the generator can charge a battery bank to support a load of about 120 watts for five hours per day.

(c) The utilisation of bullock power for generation of electricity would depend upon further research & development work and field trials to establish the techno-economic viability of the system.

Observance of Guidelines of BPE by oil companies in Assam

1281. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the guidelines issued by BPE regarding development of of ancilliary industries are being followed by Indian Oil Limited, Oil India Limited and Oil and Natural Gas Commission in Assam; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Ban on use of Medicines

1282. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the Minister of HEALT AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some State Governments have warned the people against the use of certain medicines viz. with cloxacillin pain pill, sodium chloride dextrose injection and nitro-furazone cream etc.;

(b) if so, what are the names of such State Governments with background thereof in each case;

(c) whether this warning is also based on 'sub-standard' stuff in these drugs; and

(d) if so, what action is proposed to be taken against the manufacturers in this regard and if not what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) Central Government only has the

power to prohibit manufacture of a drug and cosmetic in public interest, whenever a drug is found to be harmful or irrational. State Govts. do not have the power to ban any drug or warn the people against the use of drug. However, when a drug is found to be sub-standard on test, action like withdrawal of drug from market, suspension/cancellation of licence or prosecution is taken by the Sate Drugs Controller under the provisions of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

It is understood that some States are issuing press notes whenever action is taken on substandard reports and the substandard drugs are withdrawn from the market.

Re-Introduction of investment subsidy to Small Scale Sector

1283. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 1234 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government have since announced re-introduction of Investment subsidy to small scale sector;

(b) if so, from which date the subsidy would be made available; and

(c) what are the details about the scheme and the talukas districts entitled to in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA): (a) Yes, Sir. A new scheme of Central Investment Subsidy exclusively for the small scale sector in rural and backward areas has been announced by Government in May, 1990.

(b) and (c) Effective steps to work out the details of the scheme and identification of eligible backward areas have been initiated.

Demands of AIIMS Employees

1284. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether over 4000 employees of the AIIMS went on a three-day token strike from July 17 to July 19;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the striking employees;

(c) whether these demands have since been accepted by Government; and

(d) if not what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RASHEED MASOOD): (a) to (d) The Karamchari Union of the A.I.I.M.S. representing Group 'C' and 'D' employees including technical staff went on token strike for 3 hours from 8 A.M. to 11 A.M. on three days from 17th to 19th July, one day token strike on 24th July and an indefinite strike from 8th August, 1990 in support of their following demands:

(i) implementation of the recommendations of the Career Development Committee; and

(ii) giving benefit of one time cadre review granted in 1984 to those recruited between 1-4-76 to 1-4-84 on completion of eight years of service.

Both the above demands have been considered by the Government very carefully but has not been possible to accept the same because of wide repurcussion it will have on similar categories of staff under the Government.